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PERFORMANCE OF A MILK PRODUCING ANIMAL HERD  
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (Modified). The reference was initially listed on the IDS filed July 1, 2002, at which time Applicants had only an English language Abstract (submitted with the July 1<sup>st</sup> IDS). Applicants enclose herewith the English translation of the reference.

Applicants respectfully point out that the submission of the listed document in this Information Disclosure Statement is not an admission that it is a prior art or that it is material to patentability of any claims of the application. Also, the submission of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not an indication that a search has been made.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the reference cited on the Form PTO-1449 (Modified) and that the Examiner indicate that the reference has been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 (Modified) with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609.

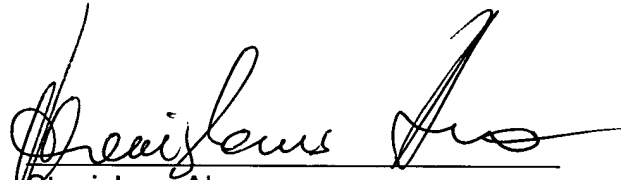
This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after the mailing of a Notice of Allowance. Nonetheless, the reference whose translation is enclosed was initially brought to the PTO's attention on July 1, 2002. Thus, Applicants believe that no fees are necessary in connection with this Supplemental IDS. In the event any fees are necessary, please charge to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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